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PLEASE NOTE

The statements in this newsletter cited as quotes from other newsletters, quarterlies, etc., are quotations and not necessarily fact. I try not to reproduce statements that have been denied as being true and also those statements that are "old news" and have been quoted over a few years.

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of all newsletters are filed at the Information Desk on the 2nd floor along with the "handouts" summary sheet. Please remember that you can take any of the extra paper copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all "handout" summaries for a particular meeting will be contained in a folder specifically for that meeting date e.g. Newsletter as well as "handout" summary for meeting on 1/12/10 are contained in a separate folder. Each meeting date will have its own folder. If you do not find a copy in the manila "extra" folder, you will have to copy from the permanent file binder. If the staff has trouble finding the folders, please let me know.

More importantly, electronic PDF copies of the Newsletter and the "handouts" summary for our monthly program can be obtained electronically as PDF files from our Library's Genealogy Blog called "Tony's Genealogy Blog at the Schaumburg Township District Library". This is a WordPress blog that you can reach directly at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Look on the right side of the blog for links within the "Newsletter" category and the "Program Handouts" category. You can read the material online, download as a PDF file to your computer or print it from the blog.

If anyone needs to contact me via e-mail, you may reach me at the Schaumburg Township District Library at:

akierna@stdl.org

Or if you need to reach me the old fashioned way by phone, please contact me through the **Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3390. I now can also be reached by direct FAX at the Schaumburg Township District Library. The FAX number in Extension Services is 847-923-3389.**

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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DECEMBER 14, 2010 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering in December 2010. Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

After an initial introduction of new participants at the start of our normally scheduled meeting, we will establish our "breakout" groups at approximately 7:45 PM. We would have these breakout discussions from about 8:00 PM until about 9:30 PM. These groups would consist of about 7 to 8 participants. They would discuss some common topic of genealogy that interests them or from which they could learn even more to assist their research from sharing with others in the group and learning from others within the group.

The groups we previously tried seemed to work out quite well. I want to go with those same groups and am open to suggestions to attempt to add others or delete those that may not have a following.

I want to reconvene the following groups:

- Polish Researchers
- German Researchers
- Czech Researchers
- Irish Researchers
- Italian Researchers
- British Researchers
- Scandinavian Researchers
- Colonial Americans Researchers

I also will have a Beginner's Group that I will lead.

We will also have the computer in the room for anyone to access the internet.

I would also encourage participants to bring their personal laptop or netbook to these sessions and tap into the internet via our WiFi network. I saw many researchers doing this at our last breakout session and they found it very productive to access internet information while being in one of the groups if they wanted to show something to someone else at the table.

Please remember that the group's composition is based on the numbers that will participate. If only one person is present to participate in the Polish group, then we cannot have a Polish group that evening. I cannot guarantee there will be enough participants to form a group. In that case I would always recommend participating in the Beginner's Group or the Troubleshooting Group.

The key to this effort is to be flexible in selecting a group to work with.

I look forward to our next "break-out" session in December 2010.

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

Glad you could join us as you embark on a rather adventurous journey into the unknown and far-reaching past! Please see me so I can get to know you and the details of the "journey" you plan to take. Make sure you receive from me a special "newcomer" package of materials that will help you take your first big steps.

I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to fill out and return to me a simple questionnaire that I use to better understand areas of research into which you may delve as well as your having access or not to a home personal computer.

Please feel free to become acquainted with the Genealogy Collection at Schaumburg Township District Library. Our book material is generally located in the 929.1XXXX to 929.3XXXX sections of both the Circulating Collection as well as the Reference Collection. The library also has a Video, Audio and Microform Collection of Genealogy material located in the AV-Department. The materials in AV are also identified in the same Dewey number range as the printed material. These are two great browsing areas for you to review introductory material.

For book material I would like to recommend as a starter a book titled Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion book that would follow Unpuzzling Your Past is The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook also by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). These two books present a good place to begin familiarizing yourself with the field of Genealogy. Feel free to check these out.

If you have access to the Internet, you may want to check out a Getting Started web page that appears at the National Genealogical Society web site. The address is:

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/getting_started

Our group is a great group of friendly people who are willing to help each other in their quest to discover their ancestors. Don't be shy to mingle!! You may be sitting next to a long, lost relative!?

Welcome to the group!

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WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE LOOKING - FOLLOW-UP

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 138 participants in the group. I have received updates from many of you since our last meeting. You truly are a very sharing group in your willingness to share your personal information with others in the group concerning your research efforts.

The entire group is searching for a total of 1,043 surnames among all of the individuals.

Remember, that I will bring to the meeting a current group report that I would appreciate you reviewing and marking any additions, deletions or changes for your

particular information that you would like me to make onto the report itself. I will leave one updated report by the genealogical material by the Information Desk on the 2nd floor for you to reference in-between meetings. I will make additions/deletions to the participants that will be reflected in the listing of participants contained in the red binder that will be on the shelves at the combined Information/Magazine desk.

If you are in the library and need to review please ask someone at the Information/Magazine Desk on the 2nd floor for the material. Also check for this binder at my desk in the Extension Services Office if you do not find it at the Information Desk.

Any feedback from you is welcome concerning the report and the material included in it. I do occasionally make typos or I possibly misread what you provided.

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter September 28, 2010, October 1, 2010, October 2, 2010, October 8, 2010, October 9, 2010, October 12, 2010 and are copyright 2010 by Richard W. Eastman. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

FamilySearch Beta Preview (September 28, 2010)

FamilySearch is sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) and the web site at <http://www.familysearch.org> has become one of the more popular sites on the Internet. Now the public is able to access the latest version of the site even though it hasn't been formally launched.

The newest version, beta.familysearch.org, is up and running for the public, even though it carries the "beta" name, usually reserved for a test site on the Internet.

"Every 30 days, we are doing a pretty significant update," said Paul Nauta, manager of public affairs for Family Search. "We're getting ready for our official launch the first of next year."

In an article in the Standard-Examiner web site, Nauta is quoted as saying that almost weekly major announcements are made on the site about new offerings. He also said the site has something for everyone, from the newest beginners, who can learn from tutorials, to seasoned experts, who virtually live to do genealogy.

In September, in one week alone, 5 million records were added to the site, Nauta said. In the past 18 months, officials have added more than 450 collections of data.

"We've created a digital film reader," Nauta said. "Visitors can browse images, much like perusing microfilm."

You can read more in an article by JaNae Francis at

<http://www.standard.net/topics/genealogy/2010/09/27/lds-conference-preview-family-history-genealogy-becoming-web-based>

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 28, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Tony Burroughs Interview on YouTube (October 1, 2010)

Hackonomics TV Host Eric Hackley recently interviewed genealogist Tony Burroughs, author of *Black Roots*, about what makes the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department such a great facility for genealogical research. Tony describes genealogy as "micro history." He also describes how to get started in genealogy.

You can watch and listen to the interview at <http://youtu.be/G73WWNYT44A> or click on the image below:

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 01, 2010 in [Video & Television](#) | [Permalink](#)

We Are in Danger of Losing Our Audio History (October 2, 2010)

A [study by the Library of Congress](#) has found that many audio recordings are being lost due to copyright restrictions and temporary media. It's difficult for archivists to obtain and copy material. Recent data is threatened by being put on writable CDs, because CD-Recordables begin to lose data after a few years. Recordings from as recently as 9/11 and the 2008 elections are already at risk.

In this case, music created by commercial companies is not the problem. Instead, such things as digital recordings of events in U.S. history, early radio shows, news broadcasts, interviews, living history projects, and similar recordings made one at a time in small quantities are in danger.

The widely used CD-Recordable discs only last three to five years before files start to fade, said study co-author Sam Brylawski.

The first comprehensive study of the preservation of sound recordings in the U.S., released by the Library of Congress, also found many historical recordings already have been lost or can't be accessed by the public. That includes most of radio's first decade from 1925 to 1935. Shows by musicians Duke Ellington and Bing Crosby, as well as the earliest sports broadcasts, are already gone.

The problem is easily solved if someone takes the time to preserve the recordings. CD-Recordable disks must be constantly maintained and backed up periodically as technology changes. That requires active preservation, rather than simply placing files on a shelf.

You can read more at <http://goo.gl/vUav>

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 02, 2010 in [CD-ROM](#) | [Permalink](#)

4 Major Updates to FamilySearch Beta (October 8, 2010)

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

October 8, 2010

We released another substantial update to the [FamilySearch Beta website](#). In addition to the four major updates outlined below, we've made a large number of improvements under

the hood that aren't really visible to users of the site but make a big difference in the overall performance and function of the site. Here's the quick list of updates.

- Redesigned Home Page
- Brand New – Getting Started Section
- Redesigned Learning Resources including online Research Courses
- Just Released - FamilySearch Center Section

Redesigned Home Page. We redesigned the home page to highlight more of the site features like the Getting Started Section, Learning Resources and FamilySearch Centers. We also added a basic browse by location feature under the search form. We plan to make the browse by location tool much more interactive over time and would love to get your suggestions of how to improve it. Click the Feedback link on the site to leave us a suggestion.

Brand New – Getting Started Section. We have big plans for the Getting Started section of the site. What we released last week is just the beginning. Right now you can look at profiles of some famous ancestors that have been researched by our experts in the Family History Library. You can also choose from a number of designer pedigree charts and fill out your own family tree. Another valuable addition to the Getting Started section isn't quite ready yet, but you can still see a placeholder for it on the page. A new four-part video series in the Getting Started section will teach people how to begin researching their family history.

Redesigned Learning Resources Section. The learning resources section has been redesigned to try and make it easier to access the tremendous content created by FamilySearch and a community of volunteers. You can quickly search over 40,000 articles containing a wealth of knowledge about how to do research or where to find records all around the world. You can also add your own knowledge by updating an article or creating a new article. We've also added over 100 online courses dealing with a range of topics from Beginning English Research to Reading Russian Records. Watch these courses online to learn to research or improve your genealogy skills.

Visual illustrations can be found at [FamilySearch Blogs](#).

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 08, 2010 in [Announcements](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Pennsylvania State Archives Research Room will be Closed Until February (October 9, 2010)

A message on the Pennsylvania State Archives web site at <http://goo.gl/COhA> states, "The State Archives research room will be CLOSED for renovations beginning on Monday, October 18th, 2010. We anticipate reopening for public use on February 3rd, 2011."

Note this refers only to the State Archives research room, not the entire archives. However, that room is where perhaps 99% of the genealogists would go to find information so, in effect, the Pennsylvania State Archives will not be useable for genealogy purposes until February 3rd.

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New Genealogy Site: <http://www.genealogycenter.org> (October 12, 2010)

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
GENEALOGY CENTER

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana has launched a new genealogy web site. The aim is to make it easier for people to find out about their family ancestry without actually visiting the library's Genealogy Center.

The new web site, located at www.genealogycenter.org, includes several free databases and portals including the African American Gateway, Family Bible Records and Our Military Heritage that have been developed by the Genealogy Center.

The Genealogy Center's website includes other resources, including full-text books that have been digitized by Internet Archives, the Center's Pathfinders to various areas of research, and the Community Album, a collection of historical photographs for the surrounding area.

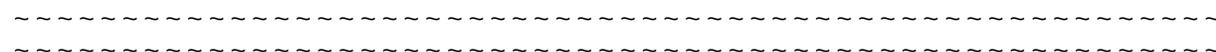
I also noticed that the site has some excellent "how to get started in genealogy" tutorials, a calendar of future events being held at the Allen County Public Library, past issues of "Genealogy Gems," an e-zine which lists information about the department's collections and useful research tips, and more.

Perhaps the most valuable online service of all is the "As a Librarian" section. As stated on the new web site, "Uncertain whether we have a record you're seeking? Need a quick pointer on what to do next in your research? Ask a Genealogy Librarian and get a quick response. Answers to your questions about our catalogs, collections, databases, programs and other services are just an email away. Contact us at Genealogy@ACPL.Info for additional information about The Genealogy Center or a quick pointer to help you advance your research. We'll make every effort to respond to your general queries within 48 hours."

The Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department, located in the Main Library Branch of the Allen County Public Library, is the second-largest genealogy department in North America. It is home to more than 350,000 printed volumes and 513,000 items of microfilm and microfiche. Only the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, a private institution, is larger.

The new web site is a wonderful resource, one for other genealogy libraries to emulate. You can see all this and more at <http://www.genealogycenter.org>

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 12, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)



LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT THE MEETING DATE FOR THE SOCIETY IS THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH A MEETING OCCURS. MEETINGS WILL STILL BE HELD

AT THE FOREST VIEW EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ON GOEBBERT ROAD. NO MEETINGS OCCUR DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST AND DECEMBER.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Tuesday evening, November 16, 2010. The program for the evening is titled **"He took Her Name: Understanding German Farm Names"**. The speaker for the evening will be Teresa Steinkamp McMillin.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin is a professional genealogist who specializes in German and Midwest American research, as well as reading German script. She has been interested in genealogy since she was a child and has been actively researching her German ancestry for the past nine years, as well as her husband's Chicago Irish. She has attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and has taken college-level German courses. She was the 2007 recipient of the National Genealogical Society's Home Study Course, which she has completed. Teresa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, as well as many local genealogical societies. She is the webmaster for the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists.

Meetings take place at Forest View Education Center, 2121 South Goebbert (turn south at Golf and Goebbert), Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 7:30 p.m. There is a round table discussion that takes place at 7 PM prior to the main meeting that starts at 7:30 PM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

www.NWSCG.com

Please note that it has happened once in a while that the society may change a program schedule without actively sharing that fact. Checking their web site may also not give you notice of such a change if they do not change the web site. That is still the first place to check. You may also want to contact someone at the society if a phone number is available to verify that a program is still scheduled as they had advertised. That is always not available either.

We do our best here to try to be sure that information we convey about programs is accurate. However, sometimes we are unable to convey changes unless we are made aware of those changes.

DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that are scheduled for October 2010 through May 2011 are once again taking place at the Wheaton Public Library in the Lower Level. The address of the library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. Please note the new times for refreshments and the program. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM and last till no longer than 9 PM when the library closes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, November 17, 2010. The program scheduled for that evening is "**Writing Your Family History**". The speaker for the program will be Steve ?.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.org

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*Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)*

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, November 20, 2010 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**Breaking Down a Brickwall: How I Found the Marriage Record of My Irish Great-Great Grandparents**". The speaker for the program will be Nancy R. Thomas.

This case study explores how listening to family stories can lead your research from known facts to the unknown. Using newspapers, census records, church records, online indexes, and maps can result in the breaking down of a major brick wall.

Nancy R. Thomas is currently the President of the DuPage County Genealogical Society, a position she also held 29 years ago. A retired Professor/Reference Librarian at the College of DuPage, Nancy has been searching for her ancestors and her husband's for over 30 years. She recently published *The Roeser Family: Ancestors and Descendants* for a family reunion using *Family Tree Maker 2010* software. A recent trip to the British Isles provided a chance to visit with a second cousin of her husband's, who lives in England, and exchange pedigree charts. Nancy and her husband have three daughters and four grandchildren.

You may visit the organization web page at:

[www.CAGGNI.org](http://www.CAGGNI.org)

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## INTERNET INFORMATION

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### **Findmypast Publishes Devon Parish Records Online (October 1, 2010)**

The following announcement was written by Findmypast:

Devon parish records go online

- 857, 603 Devon parish records are available online, making it easier to find Devon ancestors
- The famous dog breeder John Russell, the Jack Russell's namesake, can be found in the records

Today leading UK family history website [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) launches the Devon parish records in association with Devon Family History Society. Significantly, these new online records pre-date civil birth, marriage and death records and census records, enabling family history enthusiasts to delve even further back into their Devonian ancestors' pasts from the convenience of their own home.

The Devon parish records include 363,015 baptism records for 1813-1839; 271,193 marriage records for 1754-1837 and 223,395 burial records for 1813-1837. The transcripts of these records are available to search at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) from today as part of what is already one of the largest online parish record collections for England & Wales, currently comprising over 26 million baptism, marriage and burial records dating as far back as the reign of Henry VIII.

The search facility at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) makes it possible to look up ancestors across all the parish records on the site just by entering a surname. Previously, to search the offline records it was necessary to know where in the country your ancestors came from and then contact the relevant record office or family history society for that area, so this development will make it far easier for people to research their family history.

The decline of agriculture at the end of the nineteenth century caused many people to migrate to cities as well as overseas in search of work. Therefore many people now living across the UK or in other corners of the globe may find ancestors listed within the newly available Devon Parish Records that they never knew they had.

The county of Devon has produced many famous faces over the years that can be found in the Devon Parish records. These include Charles Babbage, the inventor of the first ever

computer, Charles Kingsley the author of 'The Water Babies' and John 'Jack' Russell, who owned the foundation bitch of a line of fox hunting terriers that would eventually come to be known as the Jack Russell.

Debra Chatfield, Marketing Manager at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk), says: "As a descendant of generations of Devonshire blacksmiths, I am particularly excited that the Devon Family History Society is working with [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) to put Devon parish records on our website and make them available to all. Like me, many people who have never lived in Devon themselves may discover that they have ancestors who were baptised, married and/or buried in Devon, and this is a great way to find out about them."

Maureen Selley, Chairman of Devon Family History Society commented: "This is a unique and very special resource that has been created over many years by members of Devon Family History Society. By working with [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) to put these records online, we are enabling a wider international audience to become aware of these terrific records, allowing millions more people worldwide to discover their Devon ancestors."

Findmypast's Parish Record Collection brings together in one place the disparate records from local parishes, which have been collated by local family history societies since 1911, coordinated by the Federation of Family History Societies\*. Since 2007 [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) has been working exclusively with the Federation to publish these records online, with many more records due to be added to the website over the coming months.

[Findmypast.co.uk](http://Findmypast.co.uk) will also be working with FamilySearch to digitise the record collection of Plymouth & West Devon Record Office, with a view to matching their images of the parish records to the transcripts from Devon Family History Society that are now live on the site.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on October 01, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **English Revolutionaries Revealed in Online Archive (October 14, 2010)**

The following announcement was written by [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) :

Historic records launching online today for first time ever detail 'key players' of the English Civil War – Ancestry.co.uk

- Earliest London Parish records online in existence – eight million in total
- Records detail those alive during key events in England's history, including the Civil War
- Revolutionaries Oliver Cromwell, Thomas Fairfax and John Milton detailed online

[Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk), in partnership with the City of London's London Metropolitan Archives, today launched online for the first time eight million of London's oldest surviving parish records, charting the history of the city from the 16th century to modern times.

The *London, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812* contain vital records kept at more than 1,000 London parishes, and include some of the few extant records of the English Civil War.

Crucially, these records pre-date Civil Registration, the system introduced by the Government in 1837 to record the 'vital' events of its citizen's lives, including births, marriages and deaths. The only way to trace one of these key events before the 19th century is to use parish registers.

Approximately 1.4 million records in the collection are of those who lived during the English Civil War, accounting for about 30 per cent of England's population at the time.<sup>1</sup> Today, the estimated 33 million Britons who have London heritage<sup>2</sup> can start exploring their revolutionary or royalist ancestors.

The English Civil War was a series of armed conflicts and political manoeuvrings between King Charles I and the English Parliament, fuelled by Charles' unpopular religious reforms in England and Scotland and disregard for Parliament's financial muscle.

During the mid 17th century, Parliament was the Crown's only means to collect taxes and without it the King struggled for funds. When Charles I called on Parliament to raise funds to suppress rebellious Scots in 1640, the Parliamentarians tried to use their financial influence to force through political reform and increase their own power. Charles refused, leading to war in 1642.

Eventually the Royalists were defeated by the Parliamentarians, but a few radicals still feared Charles could return to the throne. This led the powerful parliamentary New Model Army, under the command of Colonel Thomas Pride, to arrest all MPs who were sympathetic to the king. A Rump Parliament was established and Charles I was executed for treason. The commissioner at the trial, Oliver Cromwell, became Lord Protector of England.

Numerous prominent names from the Civil War feature in the collection, including:

- Oliver Cromwell – Cromwell served as a commander in the New Model Army and later supported the trial of Charles I, even signing his death warrant. He became Protector of England until his death in 1658. Cromwell's marriage to Elizabeth Bourchier on August 13, 1620 is listed in the St Giles Cripplegate Parish Registers
- Thomas Fairfax – Fairfax was a parliamentary general and commander-in-chief of the New Model Army, which was instrumental in numerous victories against the Royalists. Unlike Cromwell, he refused to condemn Charles I to death as he was more moderate in his political and religious views. His marriage to Anne Vere in Hackney on June 17, 1637 features in the collection
- Thomas Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford - Considered as one of the most prominent figures in the period leading up to the Civil War, Wentworth supported King Charles I and became one of his leading advisors. However, the King never fully trusted him and accused Wentworth of treasonously advising him, which eventually led to his beheading on Tower Hill. His baptism can be found in the 1593 St Dunstan in The West Parish Registers

Other famous and notable names that feature in the collection include William Blake, Charles Dickens, John Milton, Robert Peel and Samuel Pepys.

The majority of the parish registers date back to 1538 when Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's Vicar General, issued an order that each parish was to keep a register of each baptism, marriage and burial performed there, however the collection also features a few much earlier records. One of the transcripts that is included within the collection is dated 1274.

Russell James from Ancestry.co.uk comments: "These records detail the existence of those living through the fascinating period of the English Civil War, the political consequences of which can still be felt today. The conflict instilled Parliament with genuine power for the first time, while its factions developed into what have become some of our

modern political parties.

"As official records were not kept by the government until Civil Registration in 1837, these parish records are essential for tracing anyone who was baptised, married or buried in London before the 19th century."

Dr Deborah Jenkins, Assistant Director of the City of London's Department of Libraries, Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery, comments: "I am delighted that we are able to make these unique historical records available online for the first time and fully name searchable.

"Our understanding of the development of London and the lives of millions of Londoners will be greatly enhanced through online access to this information."

The launch of the early parish records marks the completion of the London parish registers, which began in September 2009 with the launch of the 'modern' records dating from the early 19th century to the 1980s. A total of 18 million parish records are now online, dating from 1538 to 1980.

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 14, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

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## PERIODICAL NEWS

### **Family Chronicle**

We have received the September/October 2010, Volume 15, Number 1 issue of Family Chronicle.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Legal Pirates in the Family Tree"**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris helps you find your privateer ancestors.*

**"Passenger Lists: Online and Microfilm Resources"**

By Michael Hait

*Michael Hait gives tips on how to gather information from immigrant passenger lists.*

**"The Hidden Grain of Truth"**

By Leland K. Meitzler

*Leland K. Meitzler encourages readers to hunt down the truth behind family gossip.*

**"The New Frontier of Genetic Genealogy"**

By John D. Reid

*John D. Reid explores a new understanding of DNA, our most natural genealogical record.*

**"Mapping Out Your Irish Family History"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy offers tips on the best online and offline resources for discovering Irish maps.*

**"Replacing the Irish Census"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard looks at Irish census substitutes.*

**"Irish DNA Case Study"**

By Ugo Perego, Ph.D

*Ugo Perego, Ph.D, looks at the genetic origins of a large Smith family from Utah.*

**"Finding Irish Records on the 'Net'"**

By Alan Stewart

*Alan Stewart helps you find Irish records online.*

**"Overcoming Difficulties in Irish Research"**

By Cindy Thompson

*Cindy Thompson explores potential resources that can help you on your quest to find long-lost ancestors.*

**"The History Behind a Canadian Ghost Town: Rosseau Falls"**

By Andrew Hind

*Andrew Hind recounts his experiences researching Rosseau Falls in Muskoka, Ontario.*

**"Expanding the Concept of Family History through DNA"**

By Ugo A. Perego, Ph.D

*Ugo A. Perego, Ph.D, looks at the contribution of DNA testing in the field of family history.*

**"Project Planning: Researching Family History"**

By Lee Ann Eckhardt Smith

*Lee Ann Eckhardt Smith tells you what you really need to know about writing family history.*

**"A Genealogical Voyage into the Unknown"**

By Margaret Louise Harris

*According to Margaret Louise Harris, researching is all about the*

*journey, not the destination.*

**"Where To Go for Help"**

By Donna Murray

*According to Donna Murray, help is readily available, you just have to know where to find it!*

For those of you that are researching Irish roots, I highly recommend that you take a look at the entire issue of this journal. They have a special "Researching Your Irish Ancestors: A Special Supplement" that consists of 5 Irish focused articles that are identified in the summary above of articles in this issue. This is a special issue for the Irish researchers!

I thought that an interesting article in this recent journal was one titled "Understanding Passenger Lists".

The author provides some good historical background on the origination of passenger lists. The Federal government mandated in 1820 that any ship entering a port of the United States was to provide a listing of all passengers onboard the ship entering the United States. Many of these records are available through our National Archives on microfilm and some are online. These lists were to be made by the captain of the ship at the port of embarkation, prior to making the journey to the United States. Many passengers in these times did not survive the long journey to the United States. Therefore, such a passenger would have been on the original list but should also be noted as having died on the voyage to the United States. This may be the only notation of death for this person so it is wise to look closely at such lists to see if an ancestor was alive at time of embarkation but died during the voyage.

Passenger records were often created on pre-printed large size ledger sheets that were bound in books. Just like in our own lives, a captain could have not planned to re-stock these blank forms and discovered that he was out of the pre-printed forms. The only viable alternative to follow the procedures and mandates requiring passenger lists was to then create the lists on blank pieces of paper. It is possible you will discover such plain looking passenger records in your own research.

Over time, the lists evolved from basic pieces of information such as name of the passenger and age to name of the passenger, age, occupation, town that was left, town that the passenger is going to, number of pieces of luggage, money in the possession of the passenger. Someone finding passenger information on an ancestor in 1880 may find the former meager amounts of information. Someone searching passenger records in 1910 may find the latter "goldmine" of information.

The author also notes an important piece of information. Though the digitization process of images today is welcome and looked forward to, the author notes that the digitization process may in fact not pick up very light pencil markings on the digital image that are in fact visible on the microfilm record or on the original record itself. The lesson to be learned here is that you still can't beat researching the original document itself to observe all the nuances and quirks that may be contained in it visually that are often not picked up through creating the digitized image. I have mentioned this same concept before as it pertains to indexing. An index item created through the transcription process may unintentionally create an error that can only be discovered by viewing the original record.

The author also makes note of understanding the difference between primary information and secondary information. Information concerning the voyage, name of the

ship, name of the captain, ports of origin and destination, as well as date of arrival can be considered primary evidence because it was created by a crew member. However, there is no statement as to who provided the information on each individual passenger to the compiler of the list. Some mysteries will never be able to be solved. We can only guess why an ancestor's listing may have strange information that we think is incorrect. Who provided it? No one will know this.

The author then uses an example of some discoveries made on a passenger list for a particular multi-person family. Some of the observations are obvious. But the author makes a good point on what to do with this information for further research. As an example, it was noted that there was an adult female listed with children following her listing. Don't make the assumption that the adult female is the mother and the children are her children because there was no relationship connection shown on the passenger list. Try to find the family in the next US Census, hopefully one that shows the relationships and determine if there is a mother child relationship for this family. In the same case the female was traveling apparently without a male companion "husband". Was she married and going with her children to connect with her husband in the United States? Was she widowed and going to the United States to be with other family? Again, you don't know for sure. Future census research may prove out some of these suppositions.

This article provides the researcher with some "pauses" to take and to do further research to prove out some of what appear to be certain connections.

In my own personal passenger list research I discovered my grandmother on a Baltimore passenger record listed under her maiden name apparently traveling alone at the age of 17. That just did not sit well with me. It was not until years later that I discovered who some female siblings of her were. I also then realized that her female siblings had gotten married in Poland. I was then able to determine the surname of the man this sister had married. When I went back to the passenger list I discovered that the person above my grandmother on the list was in fact in her older sibling sister that was coming to the United States and was listed under her married name. So my grandmother was in fact not traveling alone to the United States at the age of 17!

Passenger records often require multiple visits over time as you acquire more information over time. My own personal example was one that solved a problem for me simply by uncovering more information and revisiting something I had previously visited. Oh the joys of research!!

One of the Irish special articles in this issue is titled "Finding Irish Records on the 'Net" is a good article that provides many links to material available online. A "\$" notation in the website I mention indicates it is a database that will require a fee. You can often search the data for free to see if you find names from an online index but you will have to pay to get the full record. Here are some of the key sites to consider visiting for your online Irish research:

#### Civil Registration

Irish Family History Foundation Online Record Search (\$) @  
<http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com>

AncestryIreland (\$) @ [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com)

General Register Office @ [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)

General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) @  
[www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk)

#### Census Returns

1901 and 1911 Censuses of Ireland @  
[www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie)

Leitrim Roscommon Genealogy @  
[www.leitrim-roscommon.com](http://www.leitrim-roscommon.com)

Ancestry.com (\$) @ [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

Ulster Ancestry @ [www.ulsterancestry.com](http://www.ulsterancestry.com)

Irish Origins (\$) @ [www.irishorigins.com](http://www.irishorigins.com)

#### Census Substitutes

Ask About Ireland @ [www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml](http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml)

Census Finder @ [www.censusfinder.com](http://www.censusfinder.com)

#### Church Registers

AncestryIreland (\$) @ [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com)

Irish Genealogy @ [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

#### Wills

Free Will Indexes @  
[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)

#### Newspapers

Irish Times digital Archives (\$) @  
[www.irishtimes.com/search/](http://www.irishtimes.com/search/)

Irish Newspaper Archives (\$) @  
[www.irishnewsarchive.com](http://www.irishnewsarchive.com)

Ireland Old News @  
[www.irelandoldnews.com](http://www.irelandoldnews.com)

The article mentioned many other websites within the various categories. I simply could not include all the sites mentioned. This article and all of the other Irish articles in this issue is worth a visit to look at the entirety of these articles. Perhaps many of the sites mentioned above are those that you have no familiarity with and can shed more information for your own Irish research.

This was another outstanding issue of Family Chronicle. There are many good articles among a myriad of topics. For you Irish researchers, this is a "goldmine" issue of potential resources to help you with your research. It is worth looking at the totality of the journal to see the full length articles

You can find this recent journal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## **Internet Genealogy**

We have received the October/November 2010, Volume 5, Number 4 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

### **"Chelsea and Greewich Pension Records"**

by David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at websites that will help you find your relatives in the British Army.*

### **"Tracing Your Norwegian Ancestry"**

By Liv Marit Haakenstad

*Liv Marit Haakenstad discusses Norwegian resources available to you, both online and offline.*

### **"A Farm by Any Other Name"**

By David A. Norris

*David A Norris looks at how pieces of land can be unique genealogical identifiers.*

### **"Top 30 Websites for Family Research"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard lists her favorite websites for researching genealogy.*

### **"Record/Write Your Family History"**

By Lisa A. Alzo

*Lisa A. Alzo looks at the top online resources for preserving your family tree.*

### **"Five Ways to Connect with Kin"**

By Lisa A. Alzo

*Lisa A. Alzo discusses how to increase your chances of finding your long-lost relatives.*

### **"What's New at FamilySearch.org"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at recent improvements at the popular genealogy website.*

**"In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard explores a great online resource.*

**"Don't Underestimate the Potential of Newspapers"**

By Shannon Gillette

*Shannon Gillette gets the scoop on an often underutilized genealogical resource.*

**"15 Sites to Trace Female Ancestors"**

By Lisa A. Alzo

*Lisa A. Alzo looks at the top sites for researching the women in your family tree.*

**"Uncovering the Past of Two Sisters"**

By Ruby Coleman

*Ruby Coleman looks at how an old photo led to the discovery of the family history of two sisters.*

**"EasyNetSites"**

By Donna Potter Phillips

*Donna Potter Phillips sings the praises of a new resource.*

**"Get in Touch with Your Ancestors"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy discovers a great resource for early American history.*

**"The Genealogical Research Library"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at a relatively new online resource.*

**"West Virginia Vital Records Online!"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at an easy-to-use website that will help you locate West Virginia ancestors.*

**"Going Online with Genoom!"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at the future of online research.*

**"Ulster Historical Foundation"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard looks at the wealth of info you can gather from this Irish website.*

**“ShipIndex.org”**

By Donna Potter Phillips

*Donna Potter Phillips examines a great immigration website.*

**“Facebook for Genealogical Societies”**

By Bill Puller

*According to Bill Puller, social networking sites can revolutionize your society.*

Also included in this issue is a section titled “Net Notes”. Sites that are mentioned in this section are considered to be top quality sites that can further your own genealogical research. Sites mentioned in this issue are:

Atlanta Historic Newspaper Archive @  
<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers>

Old Fulton New York Postcards @  
<http://FultonHistory.com>

Digitized New Jersey Sanborn Maps @  
<http://library.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbcs/aids/sanborn/sanborn-web.xls>

Ohio Obituary Index @ [www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/](http://www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/)

Swiss Refugee Database (In French) @  
[http://etat.geneve.ch/dt/archives/a\\_votre\\_service-liste\\_refugies-1700.html](http://etat.geneve.ch/dt/archives/a_votre_service-liste_refugies-1700.html)

London Lives @ [www.londonlives.org](http://www.londonlives.org)

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “15 Fantastic Sites for Tracing Female Ancestors”. Female research can be somewhat more challenging because of name changes as a result of marriage, lack of record trails because they were often not included in ownership trails and many other dilemmas women faced to create records that are often more associated with males.

This article is mainly a listing of a variety of web sites and sources to help you dig into many various aspects related to female family history research. Many of the sites have to do with women’s names, Women’s History Month, maiden names and other topics. Here is a list of the web sites mentioned in the article:

- American Women’s History: A Research Guide @  
<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>
- BehindtheName @ [www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com)
- BellaOnline: The Voice of Women Genealogy Site @  
[www.bellaonline.com/site/Genealogy](http://www.bellaonline.com/site/Genealogy)
- Cyndi’s List: Female Ancestors @ [www.cyndislist.com/female.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/female.htm)

- Discovering Women's History Online @ <http://library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects/womenshistory.php>
- Distinguished Women of the Past and Present @ [www.distinguishedwomen.com](http://www.distinguishedwomen.com)
- Fearless Females: 31 Blogging Prompts to Celebrate Women's History Month @ [www.theaccidentalgenealogist.com/2010/02/fearless-females-31-blogging-prompts-to.html](http://www.theaccidentalgenealogist.com/2010/02/fearless-females-31-blogging-prompts-to.html)
- MaidenName.net @ [www.maidenname.net](http://www.maidenname.net)
- National Women's History Museum @ [www.nwhm.org](http://www.nwhm.org)
- Notable Women Ancestors @ [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nwa](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nwa)
- Oral History in the Perry Library (Women's History and Issues) @ [www.lib.odu.edu/special/oralhistory/womenhistory](http://www.lib.odu.edu/special/oralhistory/womenhistory)
- Prologue: Women and Naturalization Records @ [www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-1.html](http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/summer/women-and-naturalization-1.html)
- The Library of Congress American Memory Project @ <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?category=Women'sHistory>
- Top 10 Places to Find Maiden Names @ [http://genealogy.about.com/od/surnames/tp/maiden\\_names.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/surnames/tp/maiden_names.htm)
- Women's rights National Historic Park and Museum @ [www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm)

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Five Ways to Connect with Your Living Kin".

The author provides some good tips that revolve around "making yourself more visible" as the keys to being able to make the connections you need with your relatives. The tips are those that put you out there for possible discovery by these relatives that you are unaware of. They may very well discover you and connect with you so that your research can advance.

Here are some of the tips offered by the author:

- **Weave a Web Presence**
  - Set up a personal web site or a family site to be discovered by any relatives.
  - Start a blog about your family research with the hope of also being discovered by relatives.
  - Even consider creating a short video about your family research that you can then upload to YouTube.
- **Be a Social Butterfly**
  - Jump in with both feet into the many Internet Social Networks that exist both in a general sense and those geared to genealogical researchers.
    - Facebook @ [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
    - Genealogy Wise @ [www.genealogywise.com](http://www.genealogywise.com)
    - Twitter @ [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

- Ancestry.com @ <http://trees.ancestry.com>
  - Geni.com @ [www.geni.com](http://www.geni.com)
  - MyHeritage.com's Family Tree Builder @ [www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder](http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder)
- **Share What You Know**
  - Consider sharing what you already know from your research what you know with the idea of being discovered by fellow researchers.
    - Footnote.com @ [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) has the capability to register yourself with the site and for you to leave "notes" on census pages to be discovered by other researchers interested in the same families.
    - Consider creating a Wiki, similar to an encyclopedic entry, on the family or name of interest to you. Take a look at the following genealogically oriented Wikis to leave your material.
      - WeRelate @ [www.werelate.org/wiki](http://www.werelate.org/wiki)
      - FamilySearch Wiki @ <https://wiki.familysearch.org/en>
      - Ancestry.com Family History Wiki @ [www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page)
    - Participate in DNA Testing. Take a look at the following sites for further information on this growing topic of interest in genealogy
      - Family Tree DNA @ [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)
      - 23andMe @ [www.23andme.com](http://www.23andme.com)
      - Cyndi's List Surname DNA Studies and Projects @ [www.cyndislist.com/surn-dna.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/surn-dna.htm)
    - Publish a book
- **Volunteer**
  - Volunteer at a local Family History Center (FHC) and discover that someone that comes in may be searching the same family lines as yourself.
- **Leave Online Breadcrumbs**
  - Includes names or places you are researching in your e-mail signature.
  - Comment on blogs, message boards, mailing lists etc. so your name and research can be discovered by others.
  - Use a service as Ancestral Atlas @ [www.ancestralatlas.com](http://www.ancestralatlas.com) to leave "pushpin" type identifications of where your ancestors were born, married, died etc. again to be discovered by other researchers.

The article provides more detailed information about what I have summarized above. You may want to look at the entire article to obtain even more information on how to strategize to "expose" yourself more so that relatives you do not know about may ultimately discover you among the variety of places you have left information for them to discover.

This is another great issue of [Internet Genealogy](#). There are many more good articles in this issue that are worth reading. Take a look at the listing I provided above of all of the articles included in this issue. Pick out those that interest you and take a look at the articles.

You can find this most recent issue of Internet Genealogy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

There was no new genealogy book added to our collection during this newsletter period.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter October 2, 2010 and October 11, 2010 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2010. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>

UncleGED (October 2, 2010)

Genealogy web sites are proliferating. It seems like everyone is uploading the results of his or her genealogy research to a personal home page hosted somewhere on the Internet. I see hundreds of such sites every month. Many of them are very attractive although a few are less so. If you are "HTML challenged," you might want to see what tools are available to automate the process of creating web pages in HTML (hypertext markup language) suitable for uploading to your personal home page.

If you have a modern genealogy program, you probably can create standard HTML files directly from that program. However, you may not like the way it creates web pages; perhaps you want to experiment, using features not found in your genealogy program. You also might be using an older program, incapable of creating standard HTML pages.

Mike DeBacker has created a Windows genealogy program that may be exactly what you are looking for. With the cute name of UncleGED, his program will:

- Extract genealogy data from standard GEDCOM files and produce beautiful web pages to share with your friends and family (or with the entire World Wide Web).
- Compile your web pages to a compiled HTML file (.chm) for enhanced viewing and portability.
- Use a cascading style sheet (.css) to further customize the look of your web pages.

UncleGED is freeware. This means that this software is being given away for free. What's the catch? There is none. There is no charge, no advertising, and no "beg screens" suggesting that you pay money for it. Mike DeBacker is giving the program away and is not asking for payment.

UncleGED does not produce GEDCOM files. In fact, it simply reads GEDCOM files produced by other programs, including Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic, AncestralQuest, The Master Genealogist, and many other programs. See your program's user's guide for the exact instructions. UncleGED can easily handle files of more than 10,000 individuals.

Once you have a GEDCOM file stored on your hard drive, you use UncleGED to convert the GEDCOM data to HTML (HyperText Markup Language), the standard format for displaying information on the World Wide Web. The newly-created HTML files are then also stored on your hard drive by UncleGED.

Once the HTML files are stored, you will need to upload the files to your personal home page using FTP (File Transfer Protocol) or whatever file transfer method your hosting service requires. For assistance with transferring the files to your personal home pages, you will need to contact the company that provides space for those pages.

To see some examples of web pages created by UncleGED, go to:

http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/examples/css1/fam056.html
http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/examples/css2/fam056.html
http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/examples/css3/fam056.html
http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/royals92_family/index.htm
http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/royals92_persons/index.htm
http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/examples/chrono.htm
http://gatheringleaves.org/uged_samples/examples/locations.html

Notice there is a wide variation in colors, fonts, and layouts. You can create any of these as well as many more variations.

UncleGED requires any one of the following: Windows 2000 Service Pack 3; Windows 98; Windows 98 Second Edition; Windows ME; Windows Server 2003; Windows Vista Business; Windows Vista Business 64-bit edition; Windows Vista Enterprise; Windows Vista Enterprise 64-bit edition; Windows Vista Home Basic; Windows Vista Home Basic 64-bit edition; Windows Vista Home Premium; Windows Vista Home Premium 64-bit edition; Windows Vista Starter; Windows Vista Ultimate; Windows Vista Ultimate 64-bit edition; Windows XP Service Pack 2

It also requires Microsoft .NET Framework Version 2.0 and about three megabytes of disk space for the program plus enough room to store the HTML files that are generated.

UncleGED is an excellent program for converting your genealogy data to HTML format. Such data can then easily be placed on your own home pages, visible to everyone on the World Wide Web. It is easy to use and creates attractive Web pages. Best of all, the price is right: free.

Mike DeBacker is to be commended for giving a free gift to genealogists. For more information about UncleGED, or to download the program, go to <http://uncleged.codeplex.com/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 02, 2010 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

1 Terabyte-capacity Optical Disc (October 11, 2010)

Now you can copy ALL your family tree, including family photographs, and a lot more to one removable disk, similar to a CD or DVD disk.

First, there were CD disks with roughly 600 megabytes of storage. That was followed by DVD disks with roughly 4.7 gigabytes of storage. More recently, Blu-ray disks have become popular with up to 25 gigabytes of storage on one disk. All of those numbers can be doubled with the so-called double-layer disks.

Now, a new technology from TDK delivers disks that will store up to one terabyte of information. If my math is correct, that is the equivalent of 1,667 CD-ROM disks, all stored on one disk that looks a lot like a CD-ROM disk.

The company realized the large capacity by forming 16 recording layers, each of which has a capacity of 32 gigabytes on each side of the disc.

One difference is the thickness of the new disk. It is roughly two-and-a-half times as the thickness of a standard CD, DVD, or Blu-ray disk. However, that probably isn't much of a problem. Any recorder or playback device made for the new disks will simply need to accommodate the thicker disks.

You can read more at

http://techon.nikkeibp.co.jp/english/NEWS_EN/20101009/186359/

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 11, 2010 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)

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FUNNY BONE

Here are some funny epitaphs I found at <http://hubpages.com/hub/Funny-and-Bizarre-Epitaphs>

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W.C. Fields (1880-1946)

Here lies W.C. Fields.

On the whole I would rather be living in Philadelphia.

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Mike O'Day (dates unknown)

This is the grave of Mike O'Day

Who died maintaining his right of way.

His right was clear, his will was strong.

But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

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John Brown (18th Century) Dentist

Stranger! Approach this spot with gravity!

John Brown is filling his last cavity.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*(Additions Since Last Newsletter Indicated With An “\*”)*

Nov 9            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2010            PM.  
                  **“Using the Hamburg and Bremen Passenger Lists”**  
                  Presented by Patricia Reaves.  
                  Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
                  Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

\*Nov 16        Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, November 16, 2010.  
TUE            **“He Took *Her* Name: Understanding German Farm Names”**.  
2010            Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin  
                  Forest View Educational Center.  
                  2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
                  847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
                  Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
                  Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
                  Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

Nov 17        DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, November 17, 2010.  
WED            Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2010            6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.

Program title is "**Writing Your Family History**".  
Guest speaker is Steve?.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Nov 20  
SAT  
2010  
CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting "**Breaking Down Brick Walls**"  
Presented by Nancy Thomas  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

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**"Genealogy and DNA – A Revisit"**  
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\*Jan 18  
TUE  
2011  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, January 18, 2011.  
**"GenSmarts"**.  
Presented by R. Aaron Underwood  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

Jan 19  
WED  
2011  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 19, 2011.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is "**What's New at the Wheaton Public Library**".  
Guest speaker is Donna Freymark.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Feb 8  
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**"Mining Census Records"**  
Presented by Steve Szabados.

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- \*Feb 15  
TUE  
2011  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, February 15, 2011.  
**"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Marriage Records"**.  
Presented by Ginger Frere  
Forest View Educational Center.  
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**"Military Service Records"**.  
Presented by Kathryn Barrett  
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DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 16, 2011.  
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6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"To Be Determined"**.  
Guest speaker is To Be Determined.  
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DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Apr 12  
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**"Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers"**  
Presented by Robin Seidenberg.  
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- \*Apr 19  
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2011  
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**"Hunting Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals"**.  
Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin  
Forest View Educational Center.  
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Apr 20 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 20, 2011.  
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\*May 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2011 PM.  
**"Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian  
Or Hungarian!"**  
Presented by Dr. Paul Valasek.  
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May 11-14 National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference.  
WED-SAT Charleston, South Carolina.  
2011 Toll Free Phone (800) 473-0060  
Email Address [conference@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:conference@ngsgenealogy.org)  
Web Site [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

\*May 17 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, May 17, 2011.  
TUE **"Uff Da! Researching Norwegian Roots"**.  
2011 Presented by Caron Brennan  
Forest View Educational Center.  
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\*Jul 12 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

- 2011 PM.  
**"Who Sank Grandma's Boat: Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests"**  
 Presented by Dan Niemiec.  
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- \*Aug 9  
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**"Searching Online Databases"**  
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**"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"**  
 Presented by Maureen Brady.  
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**"So You Didn't find It in the Index"**  
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